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Priority Gaps in Information

1. In any consideration of requirements indicating priority gaps in information the question arises as to the ultimate use of the requirements. Are they designed primarily for clandestine collection and should therefore concern themselves only with those types of information that can be collected covertly? Or are the requirements to be given the widest possible dissemination - to covert and overt collectors as well?

2. Keeping the above in mind, we have reviewed the master list of ORR Gaps in Information requirements which your Office circulated. We find those items which pertain to our area of responsibility in general to represent subjects of a priority nature and ones which are valid for inclusion in an over-all ORR list of priority gaps.

3. However, we would delete the following subjects if the Gap requirements are intended solely for the clandestine services:

- USSR - Heavy Machinery
- USSR - Machine Building
- Communist China - Machine Building
- Czechoslovakia - Machine Building
- East Germany - Machine Tools
- East Germany - Motor Vehicle Industry

Although these subjects represent priority gaps, they are perhaps more susceptible of collection by the overt collectors than by the clandestine services.

4. Also, we wish to delete "Guided Missiles" as a subject for the USSR, European Satellites and Communist China. Collection guides on various aspects of the guided missiles industry have been and will continue to be prepared as I/GM, in conjunction with the DD/P and overt collectors, deem them appropriate and necessary.

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5. We note that the master list fails to include the following ORR GI's which D/I has prepared and forwarded:

USSR - Aircraft Industry - Forwarded to Chief, ERA,  
1 Feb. 1959  
USSR - Liquid Oxygen Equipment - Forwarded to St/I/R  
for review, March 1959  
Poland - Aircraft Industry - Forwarded to Chief, ERA,  
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